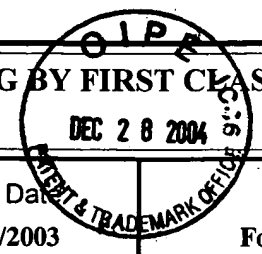


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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed on October 5, 2004. With the attached request for a one month extension of time in which to answer the Office Action, a response is due by February 5, 2005. This response is being filed on or before February 5, 2005, therefore, this response is being timely filed.